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CARACAS FOR REGIONAL DEA DIRECTOR

1. SUBSEQUENT TO REFTTEL, STATE AND DEA HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH PUERTO RICAN UNDER SECRETARY SANTIAGO ORTIZ. LAST WEEK WILLIAM PLASE (CHIEF OF LA DIVISION, INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS, DEA HEADQUARTERS) AND FRED T. DICK (ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR CARIBBEAN AFFAIRS, DEA/MIAMI) MET WITH ORTIZ AND DISCUSSED IN DETAIL NATURE OF DEA OPERATIONS, ROLE OF DEA IN COOPERATING WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, AND COMPLEXITIES OF COLOMBIAN NARCOTICS SITUATION.

2. MATTER HAS BEEN LEFT THAT DEA WILL WORK MORE CLOSELY WITH PUERTO RICAN POLICE ON NARCOTICS MATTERS AND WILL MAKE GREATER EFFORT TO EXCHANGE APPROPRIATE INFORMATION ON TRAF-
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FICKING RELATIVE TO COLOMBIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES. ADDITION

OF MORE PUERTO RICAN EMPLOYEES TO DEA SAN JUAN OFFICE MAY
ALSO ASSIST COOPERATIVE EFFORT.

3. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH DEA AND STATE, ORTIZ APPEARED TO
BE SATISFIED WITH THESE ARRANGEMENTS. AT THIS POINT WE
BELIEVE PUERTO RICAN INTERESTS ARE BEING MET BY DEA AND WE

ARE HOPEFUL THAT CLOSER COOPERATION WILL RESOLVE MATTER TO
SATISFACTION OF ALL PARTIES. (ORTIZ STATES THAT HE DOES
NOT ANTICIPATE RECEIVING REPLY TO REQUEST HE MADE TO
COLOMBIAN CONSUL IN SAN JUAN SEEKING DIRECT PUERTO RICAN
POLICE CONTACT WITH COLOMBIAN NARCOTICS AUTHORITIES.)
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